GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF IRON-ORE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposal to stop export of iron ore to encourage setting up of steel plants in the country is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the year-wise average export of iron ore and countries where it is exported;

(c) whether assessment of export and its likely impact on export-import and foreign exchange earning has been made therefor;

(d) the strategies being worked out to rectify foreign exchange imbalances;

(e) the quantum of iron ore produced from various States during last three years for export purposes;

(f) whether China has evinced keen interest in increasing the import of iron ore from India; and

(g) if so, the details of the orders placed by China for 2004-05 ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b)to(d) Do not arise.

(e) Iron ore in the States is not produced exclusively for export purposes. The Iron ore, which does not have a ready market in India and is left surplus after meeting the demand of domestic consumers and the MMTC, is allowed to be exported.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) The details of export orders for iron ore are not centrally maintained as most of the exports to China, being of iron ore with Iron content less than 64%, is freely exportable. According to M/s MMTC, they have received export orders from China for a quantity of 7.39 Million Metric Tonnes for the year 2004-05.